DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the steps and strategies being evolved by the National Literacy Missions authority and the Department of Education to meet the rising demand for primary education in all the Total Literacy Campaign districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE .(KUMARI SEUA): The Programme of Action drawn up for operationalising the Revised Policy Formulations, 1992, lays down the strategies for the achievement of universalisation of elementary education.

Following will be the steps and strategies to meet the rising demands for primary education in Total Literacy Campaign districts:

(i) Adoption of alternative channels of schooling like voluntary schools and Non-Formal Education centres for those who Cannot avail of conventional full-time schooling.

(ii) Microplanning through involvement of teachers and the community in order to design and implement a family-wise, child-wise plan of action for universal access/enrolment and participation.

(iii) Improvement of school facilities through the revamped scheme of Operation Blackboard.

(iv) Introduction of Minimum Levels of Learning at primary stage including coverage of the non-formal education channel.

(v) Modification of teacher training programmes in view of changed strategies and programmes.

National Elementary Education Mission

3900. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action initiated by Government in regard to launching of National Elementary Education Mission;

(b) by when this mission is going to be launched;

(c) how this mission is going to be linked with the ongoing National Literacy Mission for adult literacy; and

(d) whether Government are thinking of launching combined mission on Education for All which would both include elementary and adult education?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SEUA): (a) to (d) Launching of the National Elementary Education Mission is an important task and its objectives, functions, structure and strategies will be decided after consultations with State Governments, educational & Social institutions, educationists, women activists, voluntary agencies etc. The process of consultations have begun. The Mission will be made operational during the year 1993-94 as indicated in the Programme of Action 1992 laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament on 19th August, 1992.

Incentive Scheme for Students

3901. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what incentive schemes are being implemented by the Central and State Governments to increase enrolment and retention in primary/elementary schools; and

(b) whether any study has been made to evaluate the efficacy of this scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE* (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Incentive schemes like free supply of uniforms, free mid-day meals, free text books and attendance scholarships are being implemented by States and Union